

REMARKS

The amendment after final Action was filed on March 19, 2004, to which an advisory Action was issued. In view of the advisory Action, the present second amendment after final Action has been filed. In regard to the amendments for the specification and claims, the present amendment in the second amendment after final Action is the same as that filed in the amendment filed on March 19, 2004.

On page 2 of the final Action, claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Koga et al. On page 3 of the Action, claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koga in view of Katsuda et al.

Koga et al., which had been filed on May 19, 2000 as a provisional application, was patented on September 30, 2003, and assigned to Takata Corporation in Japan. On the other hand, the present application was filed on March 7, 2002 and was assigned to Takata Corporation in Japan. Namely, the present application (Serial No. 10/091,473) and Koga et al. (Patent No. 6,626,461) were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Takata Corporation. A copy of the recordation of assignment document is attached herewith. Therefore, Koga et al. can be cited under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) to the present application, but Koga et al. can not be cited under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) because of 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

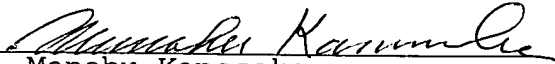
In this situation, claim 7 has been cancelled, and the subject matter of claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 1. Also, claims 2 and 4 have been amended. Namely, the invention has been changed to the airbag device from the gas generator.

Please withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and allow the application.

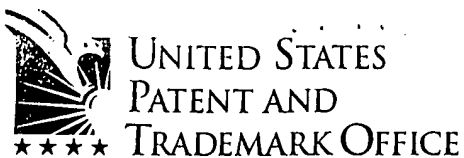
Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

A one month extension of time is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached herewith.

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